



Congregational Softball Game and Picnic

CSZ is pleased to announce a softball game and picnic on Sunday, June 22 from noon until 3 pm at Julius Kahn field, located on Pacific Ave. and Spruce Sts. (at the Presidio Wall) in Presidio Heights. Everyone of all ages and abilities or non-abilities (especially) are welcome!

Bring your mitt, a picnic lunch... maybe a few band-aids. Please RSVP to Melanie Kushnir in the CSZ office by June 15, so we can ensure enough enthusiastic CSZ players for both teams!

Sha'ar Zahav and the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center present

"Azkarah : A Yizkor (memorial) Service of Healing"

Wednesday, June 11
6 - 8 pm

Remembering helps us heal. So do community, hope and prayer. The Bay Area Jewish Healing Center invites you to Azkarah: A Yizkor (memorial) Service of Healing at CSZ on Wednesday, June 11.

6 pm - an informal discussion of our losses
7 pm - service

Join with other Jews who are seeking comfort, hope and healing who are searching for a place to grieve and to honor their losses.

This Azkarah service is co-sponsored by Congregations Sha'ar Zahav, Sherith Israel and Emanu-El, the Hebrew Free Loan Association, Northern California Board of Rabbis and Sinai Memorial Chapel of San Francisco.

For more information or to have the name of a loved one read, please call Bay Area Jewish Healing Center (415/750-4197 or jewishhealing@mzhf.org).

Shiru L'Adonai Shir Hadash שירו ליהוָי שִׁיר חָדֶשׁ

Sing to God a new song
(Psalms 96:1)

by Rabbi Angel

At Sha'ar Zahav, we engage in worship in myriad ways. We sing congregational melodies and experiment in free-style chanting. We listen to meditative music or an inspiring choral piece. We use *nigguns*

to take our spirits to places that words cannot go. The variety of expression helps us to find our own way into the liturgical experience.

I am developing a way to increase the number of musical Shabbat services, to create services that capture our hearts, souls and *kishkes*, and to increase the level of partic-

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Celebrate 25 Years of CSZ

Join us on June 21 as we celebrate with pride 25 years of being a major force in the re-shaping of modern Jewish understanding. Tickets are on sale now at www.shaarzahav.org or by calling CSZ's office. We have planned an evening of music, food and dancing. Come and play with us on this first night of summer and kick-off Pride week. You should have already received your invitation in the mail, so don't delay. Black tie is encouraged but

not required. As always, no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Help us make this a magical experience for all, just by bringing with you your *simcha* (joy) as we celebrate our silver anniversary.

Details: Saturday, June 21, 7:30 pm
600 The Embarcadero (@Brannan)
Delancey St. Town Hall
\$50 per person

Pride Events

Bring your friends, family and out-of-town guests to our Welcome Reception and Pride services on Friday, June 27. Celebrate 25 years of Pride with our congregation. Services will be co-led by Rabbi Angel and Joe Hample. Don't miss the fantastic live music featuring "Naked Voices" (musical trio of Steve Weitz, Kipp Leyser and Jonathan Funk). Stay after services for our special oneg treats and schmoozing with friends.

Have great ideas for fun ice breakers? Want to help out and schmooze before Pride Shabbat? Come and be a part of this fabulous weekend!

We are looking for volunteers to help organize and set up the Welcome Reception. Contact Marianne Balin for more information (mbalin@aol.com).

CSZ Pride Events

Friday, June 27

Welcome Reception
Pride Shabbat Service

6:30 pm
7:30 pm

Sunday, June 29

Pride Parade 11 am line up to march

What a long way we have come!

1977

The year when:

- Anita Bryant began her nationwide antigay crusade.
- The first official visit of 14 lesbian and gay activists to the White House where they met with Presidential Liaison to Minority Communities Midge Costanza.
- Harvey Milk was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors as the first openly gay supervisor.
- Gay literature began to flourish and gay and lesbian bookstores burgeon into community centers.
- Reverend Ellen Barrett was ordained as an Episcopal priest, becoming the first open lesbian to be ordained by a major religious denomination.
- The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear appeals by two Washington State public school teachers who were fired because of their homosexuality.
- The IRS dropped a rule that required gay charitable groups to publicly state that homosexuality is "a sickness, disturbance or a diseased pathology" before they would be eligible for tax-exempt status.
- Gay and lesbian communities understood the necessity to create coalitions of resistance against the religious right.*
- Daniel Cheshire and a handful of friends started a synagogue, a place they could be gay and Jewish together.

What a long way we have come!

The Torah tells us that after the Biblical Israelites brought the first fruits of the harvest to the Temple, one further obligation remained: to tell their story, to recount their personal odyssey from slavery and degradation to freedom and dignity. Thus did our people use insights from the past as inspiration for their future.

This month, on June 21, we honor the 25th anniversary of our magnificent congrega-



tion as we celebrate with a gala party. We have so many accomplishments to celebrate that one night hardly seems adequate. Let us take pause.

Sha'ar Zahav makes a difference in the lives of its members and in the larger community of which we are a part. CSZ is very much a caring and concerned community, serving a multitude of needs with our membership and in the community at large. We are ever dedicated to making a real difference in the lives of those who need our loving hearts and outstretched hands. As demonstrated during our Scholar-in-Residence weekend with Rabbi Benay Lappe, we are also committed to developing our own Torah. The number of Sha'ar Zahavniks who have gone on to rabbinic school are a testament to our role in changing the style and inclusivity of rabbinic teaching. And our socially conscious teenagers will continue this proud tradition of activism for generations to come.

I hope everyone will come and celebrate our accomplishments as we recognize this significant milestone. I hope everyone will help us continue to dream and shape and create the next 25 years. In this time of historic celebration and rededication, I am proud to be your rabbi. May our collective future honor the legacy of our memorable past. May we continue to be a blessing to those we are privileged to serve.

*(These historic highlights have been culled from the *Long Road to Freedom: The Advocate History of the Gay and Lesbian Movement*, edited by Mark Thompson, St. Martin's Press, 1994).

Join Team CSZ at this year's AIDS Walk San Francisco!

Sunday, July 20 at Golden Gate Park

Join this year's Team CSZ at AIDS Walk San Francisco! AIDS Walk proceeds benefit the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and dozens of other organizations providing essential services to those most in need and at risk throughout the Bay Area. Team CSZ participants will take on the challenge of raising funds for AIDS Walk by asking friends, family members, co-workers and neighbors to sponsor them for each of the ten kilometers they will be walking.

If you would like to participate, please contact Melanie Kushnir at 415/861-6932 ext. 305 or mkushnir@shaarzahav.org. When you RSVP, you will receive donation forms and registration materials. Let's make this year's Team CSZ the largest yet!

New Members

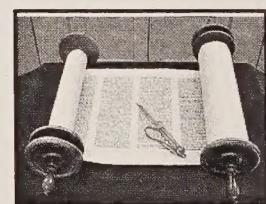
The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent person to join our family:

Kipp Leyser
Andrew Ramer

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

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Pinat Yeladim Umishpachah

Children and Family Corner



Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, June 6, 6:15 pm

Commune, eat, sing and celebrate Shabbat with CSZ families and stay for Friday night services. Families with children of all ages are encouraged to come. Dinner is vegetarian potluck – please bring a dish to share. No RSVP required. Be a part of the ruach (spirit) of our community and invite friends and family to join you. Shabbat Shalom!

Baby Chavurah

Sunday, June 8, 10 am to noon

Bring those under-tuos out to play, sing and commune with like-minded babes and their parents. Join us for potluck brunch, playtime and socializing at the home of Felicia Park-Rogers, Rachel Timoner and Benji. See your weekly email for directions. Please bring your baby and a vegetarian dish to pass. Older siblings are welcome, as are nonmembers. Baby Chavurah meets the second Sunday of each month.

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, June 28, 10:30 am to noon

Come celebrate Pride Shabbat with your tot. Bring your 2-5 year olds for singing, prayer, storytelling, crafts and Jewish family fun with Sandra Menachem, Early Childhood Education Specialist.

Younger siblings and nonmembers are welcome. Tot Shabbat meets the last Saturday of the month.

Thanks for your support!

Kadimah and Children's Programming is made possible by a great many contributors. Thank you to our financial contributors: The Bureau of Jewish Education of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties, Sinai Memorial Chapel, and the many contributors to the Children's Education Fund. Thank you to our organizing body, the Children's Education Board (CEB). Thank you to our incredible staff and our wonderful madrichim (youth teaching assistants). Thank you to our member volunteers, especially Andrea Guerra. And thank you to our parents and students who routinely work together to make our on-going study and celebration of Judaism possible.

The Summer Life of Kadimah

Kadimah doesn't just hang out at the ocean and play at the park all summer long. The work of Kadimah continues throughout the foggy days of summer. Summertime is when we evaluate our programs and our curriculum, revising and developing new initiatives. It's a time for ordering textbooks and supplies, updating and sending out registration materials, hiring new staff, and planning for High Holidays and the beginning of the school year. It's also a great time for checking in about the particular needs of your child or sharing your great ideas for the coming year. Please don't hesitate to contact Sue anytime during the summer months. Before you know it, fall will be here again.

Contact Sue Bojdak, Director of Family and Children's Education (415/861-6932 x 302 or educator@shaarzahav.org) for more information about any of these programs.

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(415/255-1641 or i.weiss@attbi.com).



Social Action Connection

by Susan Lubeck

Rebuilding Together: Kudos to Lele and Rachel Field

Lele and Rachel have organized Sha'ar Zahav's participation in this event for the second year in a row. The experience of renovating, improving and rebuilding a community-service facility or the home of a low-income San Franciscan continues to be one of our most successful social action opportunities of the year. Organizing it is quite a logistical feat. Thank you, Rachel and Lele!

Weekly Opportunity to Serve

Have you ever walked past a homeless person who was asking for money? Whether you gave money or not, have you ever considered what you could possibly do to help, in light of all the complex forces that produce homelessness? The answer is: a lot. One concrete thing is to come and meet some of your homeless neighbors in a lively and welcoming setting, where the participants are treated as individuals and not as objects. It's easy to participate. You'll find welcoming friends. Arrive any time from 4 to 9 pm on Wednesday at Most Holy Redeemer Church in the Castro. Contact

Craig Persiko (415/621-6981 or craig@redcottage.com).

We are also looking for someone who would like to attend regularly, arrive early, and be our on-site CSZ greeter. If you're interested, let us know.

Date Change: A meeting to prepare a retrospective on 25 years of LGBT activism

This event was scheduled for June 4, but is now part of the Congregational Advance in October. Stay tuned for details. To help with conceptualization or planning, contact AJ Turpen (415/437-6869 or ajs-parkles@mac.com).

Rebuilding Together: Tired Bodies and Smiling Faces

April 27 was a big day for the staff, volunteers and clients of The Recreational Center for the Handicapped. It was also a big day, and a long one, for the team of Sha'ar Zahavniks who came out to RCH's facilities near Lake Merced to participate in Rebuilding Together Workday 2003: a one-day (sometimes two) repair and improvement whirlwind. Rebuilding Together Workday is an annual phenomenon across the county and a social action tradition at CSZ. This year, CSZ partnered with Brandeis Hillel Day School and Jewish Family and Children's Services to form a coalition of more than 100 volunteers who joined more than 3,000 volunteers in San Francisco and more than 257,000 volunteers in 864 cities nationally. They worked to help low-income homeowners and nonprofit organizations make much-needed repairs.

Our project at RCH was a blessing, because it gave us a chance to offer direct support for the unique and important services that the agency provides. It was one of the largest to be undertaken in San Francisco this year and involved an ambitious amount of planning. By the end of the day, we had prepped surfaces and applied almost 50 gallons of paint to the interior of two large buildings,

installed an outdoor railing stabilized by concrete posts, painted a mural, applied non-stick treads to several walkway, and removed countless bags of garden debris.

The physical impact of the day on the RCH's facilities was impossible not to see. What is less obvious but perhaps more important is the subtle difference that the work will make in the lives of the clients who use the facilities everyday. RCH staff were grateful for the assistance of people willing to donate their time. At least 100 Jews came together for an act of tikkun olam.

HRC Dinner

Join me and CSZ friends at the HRC Dinner July 26
Tony Harris - Table Captain
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From the Jewish Toolkit

Who's In Charge of Judaism?

Have you wondered who, if anyone, is "in charge" of Judaism? Reform Rabbi Tel Falcon wrote a nice little article about that question, and the Jewish Tool Kit shares it with you this month (with a few little edits she thought were necessary). Rabbi Falcon writes:

Judaism has no Pope, no patriarch and no committee to hand down decisions through an accepted hierarchy to all Jews. And yet, Judaism does have a very large body of rules and laws, and they're not all thousands of years old. Who makes these rules? Traditional Jews say that the answer to every question is hidden in the Torah, and study and scholarship is required to extract it. With that in mind, Jewish law is based almost entirely on over 2000 years of rabbinic interpretation and reinterpretation of Torah, beginning with the many arguments codified in the Mishna and Gemarah (which together make up the Talmud). A relatively recent work, the seventeenth-century *Shulchan Aruch* (the "Arranged Table") distilled these arguments into legal decisions and is still the basis for many authoritative judgments.

Today, individual rabbis make religious decisions for the community based on all these texts and their own interpretations. Laws have evolved slowly and organically, with decisions, in the form of published *she'elot v'tshuvot* (questions and answers) making their way around the international Jewish community and either being accepted in other locales or not. You may have heard that "chief rabbis," in places that have chosen to establish a religious bureaucratic structure, sometimes announce legal decisions. But even then it is still up to the community to agree or not. Chief rabbis may serve as spokespersons for their individual communities, but there is no one who is a spokesperson for all Jewry.

Shiru L'Adonai

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ipation in service leading. This initiative will tap into the congregation's innate musical talent. I'm calling it the Sha'ar Zahav Kabbalat Shabbat Ensemble.

On the third Friday of every month, Sha'ar Zahav's gifted Ensemble members will help us welcome in Shabbat with song. Who are these gifted Sha'ar Zahavniks? You are!

This is a casting call to all instrumentalists, lyricists and singers to join in creating this Ensemble.

Please come with your ideas and creativity to our first meeting at CSZ on Sunday, June 1 at 3 pm. Marsha Attie (who has often led services here, and has a growing reputation in the Bay Area) will conduct this meeting, and will serve as musical director for the Ensemble. At the meeting we will discuss time commitments, service format and, hopefully, make some music.

Our first service is August 15, continuing monthly throughout the year. We recognize that the entire Ensemble will not be able to commit for the full series of third Fridays. That's OK! We still want your participation!

I am excited about this new partnership and I believe that our community will feel uplifted and engaged. If you have ideas or concerns,

In some charedi (ultra-orthodox) sects, authority is vested in a *rebbe*, a rabbinical leader who carries authority for that particular sect. This is probably the only instance in Judaism today where a single person has binding authority in religious (and sometimes even civil) matters — but even here, it is only because the community has chosen to create such a system for itself. The Reform and Conservative movements have official rabbinic organizations through which decisions are often made. These decisions are not necessarily enforceable among lay members of the Reform and Conservative movements, but they do generally set the guidelines under which their rabbis perform their duties.

The Jewish Tool Kit notes that *she* is also not "in charge" of Judaism (having chosen a career in education instead of politics). But if anyone nominates her for the job, she might consider it.

Comments about the Jewish Tool Kit can be sent to JewishToolKit@attglobal.net.

Rabbi Angel's Recommended Readings

Blu Greenberg, *On Women and Judaism: A View from Tradition*. Jewish Publication Society.

Gunther Plaut, *Teshuvot for the Nineties: Reform Judaism's Answers for Today's Dilemmas*. Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Rabbi Dr. Moshe Zemer, *Evolving Halakhah: A Progressive Approach to Traditional Jewish Law*. Jewish Lights Publishing.

please be in contact with me and/or our Ritual Chair, Howard Steiermann. My hope is that through this initiative, which will be supported through the generosity of the Chesir-Stein Music Fund, we will strengthen our congregation's worship experience. Communal singing creates a sense of belonging and a commonality of experience. Sacred music connects us to our heritage, our history and K'hal Yisrael — the Jewish people everywhere.



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8 Sivan - 8 10 am Baby Chavurah 7 pm JGF proofreading	9 Sivan - 9	10 Sivan - 10	11 Sivan - 11 6 pm Azkarah: A Yizkor Service of Healing
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Sivan 5763

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	<p>6:15 pm <i>Shavuot</i> Family Shabbat Dinner</p> <p>7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel and Howard Steiermann</p>	<p>9 am Torah Study</p> <p>10 am Shabbat Services led by Dev Felder Noily, adult b'nei mitzvah students and Rabbi Angel</p>	
12 Sivan - 12	13 Sivan - 13	14 Sivan - 14	
6:30 pm Va'ad meeting	7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel and Sarita Groisser	<p>9 am Torah Study</p> <p>10 am Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel, Randy Weiss and Red Bennett</p>	
19 Sivan - 19	20 Sivan - 20	21 Sivan - 21	
	<p>7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Daniel Chesir</p>	<p>9 am Torah Study</p> <p>10 am Shabbat Services led by Tiela Chalmers</p> <p>7:30 pm 25th Anniversary Party</p>	
26 Sivan - 26	27 Sivan - 27	28 Sivan - 28	
	<p>6:30 pm <i>Pride Shabbat</i> Welcome Reception</p> <p>7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel and Joe Hample</p>	<p>9 am Torah Study</p> <p>10 am Shabbat Services led by Ora Prochovnick and Ami Zusman</p> <p>10:30 am Tot Shabbat</p>	

April Va'ad Minutes

Rabbi Angel delivered the d'var Torah. She suggested that we think of Pesach preparation in terms of "chametz" by speech: It's easier to think before speaking than it is to clean up damage from speech. She spoke of a return to healing and wholeness in this time of war. She encouraged us to write to her or to a chevrutah partner about a place we're stuck in, akin to Mitzraim—a narrow place from which we were liberated in this season. She also suggested that for our seders we think of our own "Dayenu" — things "I would make be enough."

David Gellman delivered a proposal that CSZ host the 2004 Conference of the World Congress of GLBT Jewish Organizations. We approved the proposal unanimously, noting the link to our mission, the possibility of attracting unaffiliated Jews in San Francisco, and the opportunity to work on community-building within CSZ. We would set the date for the event, possibly the week before or after Pride '04, or Halloween. It will require a significant volunteer effort, including arranging home hospitality for visitors and exploring scholarships for members' entry fees. All are welcome to sign up for the planning committee.

President Lisa Katz reported that the Leadership Advance will be the first weekend in August. Volunteers are invited to contact Arthur Slepian. The Congregational Advance will be rescheduled, possibly for Sukkot. It will incorporate the Art Shabbaton, giving us the chance to use "both sides of our brains."

Rabbi Angel reported that she has joined the advisory board of Rainbow Adult Community Housing. She concluded by observing that it is a rich, rewarding, painful time to be a pastor.

The revised proposed 2003-04 budget was unanimously approved after extensive discussion.

Gorgeous challah covers have arrived, thanks to Jeff Forman.

The Executive Director search is continuing. The committee, led by Liz Schaffer, will update the job description and publicize the vacancy. James Carlson has agreed to continue in the interim ED role.

Anniversaries

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The Israel Committee

Deepening our community's connection to the people, culture, history and land of Israel

It's your Birthright: A free LGBT-focused trip to Israel, August 10-20

Birthright Israel, a partnership between the people of Israel, local Jewish communities and leading Jewish philanthropists, is a program that enables young Jews to experience Israel as part of the long-term effort to strengthen Jewish identity, Jewish communities, and solidarity with Israel. It provides a gift of a ten-day tour of Israel for young Jewish adults between the ages of 18 and 26. The trip is totally free for eligible participants and includes roundtrip airfare, hotel, transportation, meals, comprehensive touring in Israel and meaningful encounters with Israeli peers.

The Israel Travel Advisory Service (ITAS), the official organizer for Birthright Israel, is putting together a special LGBT program as part of the regularly-scheduled Birthright trip on August 10-20 (departures from NY and Los Angeles). The program includes all the regular visits to Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and other major sites, as well as a comprehensive look at and interaction with Israel's LGBT community, which is now an integral part of Israeli society. For more information visit the ITAS website at www.itastours.com, or contact Rami Rosen (800/326-4827 or ramirosen@itastours.com). We invite you to take advantage of this free opportunity to experience the colors, tastes and lifestyles of Israel.

For more information about the Israel Committee please contact co-chairs Steve Mazer (steve@rezam.com) or Miki Goralsky (goralsky@access4less.net).

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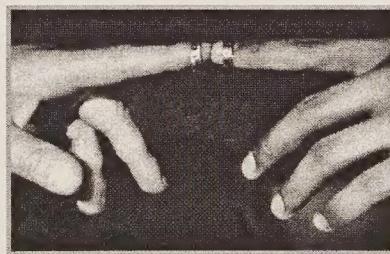
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Naches

Dana Katz and Ari Rosenberg on the birth of their son, **Ezra Harris Rosenberg**.



Sari and Blake McConnell on the birth of their son, **Jacob Kermit McConnell**.

Rina Prussin on having her poem "Hello Stranger" published in the April issue of *Street Spirit*.

Jonah Levy on his acceptance to the Eastman School of Music, where he will study classical trumpet performance. Jonah was also accepted to the summer orchestral program at The Eastern Music Festival and School in North Carolina. In addition, Jonah was the winner of the Young People's Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition.

Mary Schroeder on her entry into the covenant.

Richard Stanley and Eve Cohen on the occasion of their aufruf and wedding.

Amy Cunningham and Karen Golinski on the addition of **Daniel Caleb Golinski** to their family.

Ron and Ruth Miguel, on the publication of *Gay Dads: A Celebration of Fatherhood*, by their son-in-law, David Strah. David is the partner of Barry Miguel, a former member of CSZ.

Ma'ayan Lieberman on her graduation from Smith College with a B.A. in Neuroscience and Psychology.

Raena Frohlich on having her poem "Imagine Me" selected for publication in the California Poets in the School 2003 Anthology.

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